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AMEMBASSY PARIS

USLO PEKING

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AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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1. MRS. GANDHI SPOKE TO SENIOR GOI OFFICIALS AND TO THE NATIONAL IN SEPARATE ADDRESSES JUNE 27 (REFTEL). CONGRESS MP'S HAVE BEEN SENT HOME THIS WEEKEND TO EXPLAIN THE GOVT'S ACTIONS IN THEIR DISTRICTS, HELP ORGANIZE SUPPORT FOR THE DECISION, AND REPORT BACK ON GENERAL ATTITUDES. WE FIND VIRTUALLY NO CONGRESS MP IN DELHI TODAY. THE CONGRESS PARLIAMENTARY PARTY IS TO MEET IN DELHI ON JULY 1 AND WE HEAR RUMORS THAT THE PM MAY PROPOSE CALLING PARLIAMENT AT LEAST BRIEFLY BACK INTO SESSION DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST TO RATIFY THE EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION.

2. IN ADDITION TO MRS. GANDHI'S LAWYER, NANI PALKIWALA, WHO WITHDREW FROM THE SUPREME COURT APPEAL CASE, JUNE 26, WE LEARN--STILL UNCONFIRMED--THAT HER SOLICITOR, J. DADACHANJI, WILL ALSO WITHDRAW FROM THE CASE. DADACHANJI TOLD AN EMBOFF TWO DAYS AGO THAT HE COULD ENVISAGE THE DECISION OF THE CASE TAKING AS LITTLE AS FOUR TO SIX WEEKS OR BY MID-LATE AUGUST. THIS WOULD ASSUME THE COURT ISSUED ITS ORAL DECISION AS SOON AS THE ORAL HEARINGS WERE COMPLETED, WITH THE WRITTEN DECISION TO BE PREPARED LATER. THERE ARE PRECEDENTS FOR THIS.

3. REPORTEDLY BECAUSE THE EDITOR OF THE JANA SANGH DAILY MOTHERLAND FILED A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS FOLLOWING HIS ARREST JUNE 27, THE GOVT JUNE 27 ISSUED AN ORDER BANNING ALL APPEALS TO THE COURTS FOR PERSONS ARRESTED UNDER THE EMERGENCY, THUS SUSPENDING ARTICLE 32 OF THE CONSTITUTION. THIS IS PERMISSIBLE UNDER THE CONSTITUTION. (SEE NEW DELHI 8484.) THE GOVT REPORTS AN ADDITIONAL 200 PERSONS ARRESTED JUNE 27, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO NEARLY 900. CONGEN BOMBAY REPORTS 10-15 NOW ARRESTED IN MAHARASHTRA AND CONGEN CALCUTTA REPORTS PERHAPS 10 ARRESTS IN CALCUTTA, IN BOTH CASES THE FIRST WE'VE HEARD OF ARRESTS IN THE CITIES. THOSE ARRESTED ARE MAINLY FROM CONFIDENTIAL

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THE "RIGHT". NO CPM LEADERS HAVE BEEN PICKED UP IN CALCUTTA THUS FAR (OUR EARLIER REPORT THAT MP JYOTIRMOY BOSU HAD BEEN PUT INSIDE WAS INCORRECT) BUT PERHAPS 250 CPM CADRES HAVE GONE "UNDERGROUND" AS A PRECAUTION. CPM CADRES MAY HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN OTHER STATES, HOWEVER. GANDHIAN CONGRESS MP KRISHAN KANT IS ALSO FREE AS IS MP LAKSHMI KANTHAMMA, BOTH OF WHOM WERE EARLIER REPORTED IMPRISONED. OTHERWISE BOMBAY, CALCUTTA AND MADRAS CITIES ARE REPORTEDLY

QUIET.

4. SIX SECOND-

ECHELON OPPOSITION MP'S CALLED ON THE PRESIDENT  
JUNE 27. THEY ASKED THE PRESIDENT WHY HE HAD DECLARED A  
STATED OF EMERGENCY. THEY ARGUED J.P. NARAYAN HAD URGED THE  
POLICE AND ARMY OBEY LEGAL ORDERS, AND ONLY QUESTIONED  
WHETHER THEY SHOULD OBEY ILLEGAL ORDERS. THE PRESIDENT  
REITERATED THAT A GRAVE THREAT TO INTERNAL SECURITY EXISTED  
AND URGED THE OPPOSITION TO PRACTICE RESTRAINT. THE MP(S)  
REPLIED THAT BOTH SIDES SHOULD BE RESTRAINED. THE MP'S SAID  
THEY WOULD STAGE THEIR PROTESTS AGAINST THE PM AS PLANNED  
JUNE 29 OR 30, AND WOULD FOLLOW THEIR PROGRAM OF DAILY  
PROTESTS THROUGH JULY 6. (MOST OF THIS WAS BLOCKED OUT BY  
CENSORSHIP FROM THE PRESS.)

5. THE CPI ISSUED A STATEMENT SUPPORTING THE ACTION AGAINST  
THE "RIGHTIST CONSPIRACY" BUT CALLING ON THE GOVT TO  
INVLEMENT A 15-POINT PROGRAM FOR THE PEOPLE. IT WARNED  
THAT PAST EMERGENCIES HAVE BEEN "TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF BY  
MONOPOLISTS AND OTHER ANTI-SOCIAL EXPLOITERS AS WELL AS  
BY THE BUREAUCRATS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR GRIP ON THE ECONOMIC  
LIFE AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COU TRY." AMONG THE  
POINTS RAISED BY THE CPI ARE PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD-  
GRAINS, IMPLEMENTATION OF LAND CELING LAWS, CULTIVATOR  
LOANS, CANCELATION OF RURAL DEBTS, NATIONALIZATION OF THE  
DRUG, JUTE, TEXTILES, SUGAR AND AUTO INDUSTRIES, FOREIGN  
OIL COMPANIES AND FOREIGN BANKS, DEMONITIZATION OF RS 100  
NOTES, AND "STRICT ACTION AGAINST THE CIA AND ITS AGENTS."  
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ENDORSED THIS SAME VIEW.

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6. MRS.GANDHI SET UP AN EMERGENCY COMMITTEE OF THE CABINET  
JUNE 27 TO REVIEW THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE EMERGENCY ON  
A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS. THE MEMBERSHIP COMSISTS OF AGRIMIN  
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RAM, FONMIN CHAVAN, DEFMIN SWARAN SINGH, HOME MIN  
BRAHMANANDA REDDY, LAWMIN GOKHALE, AND MINSTATE FOR HOME  
OM MEHTA AS WELL AS THE PM. JWGIJIVAN RAM, IN HIS FIRST  
PUBLIC STATEMENT SINCE THE EMERGENCY, TOLD AIR THAT THE  
FOOD SITUATION WAS IMPROVING, CONSUMERS SHOULD NOT LISTEN  
TO RUMORS, AND THE GOVT WAS PURCHASING FOREIGN GRAIN TO  
REPLENISH STOCKS. HE SAID NOTHING ABOUT THE EMERGENCY OR  
THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

7. ASIDE FROM THE REPLACEMENT OF MININFO AND BROADCASTING  
GUJRAL BY FORMER MINSTATE FOR PLANNING V.C.  
SHUKLA (AND THE REPORTED BUT NOT ANNOUNCED SHIFTING OF  
THA FOR R TO SHUKLA'S PLANNING JOB), THERE ARE RUMORS THAT  
LEFTIST MINSTATE STEELS AND MINING CHANDRAJITYIDAV WILL  
SOON BE DROPPED.

8. CENSORSHIP IS ELIMINATING PRESS NEWS ABOUT DISTURBANCES  
AROUND THE COUNTRYSIDE. THE STATESMAN EDITOR AND A POLITICAL

CORRESPONDENT TELL US THEIR CORRESPONDENTS REPORT CONSIDERABLE ARSOM IN BIHAR, SUBSTANTIA DISTURBANCES IN INDORE CITY (MP), AND SOME CONTINUING DEMONSTRATIONS IN AHMEDABAD (ALTHOUGH THE EMBASSY SCICOUNSELOR REPORTED FROM AHMEDABAD TODAY THAT THE CITY SEEMED CALM).

9. BITS AND PIECES ON PEOPLE AROUND MRS. GANDHI: WE HAVE REPORTED SEVERAL TIMES IN THE LAST FEW DAYS THAT MRS. GANDHI'S SECRETARY (HIS OFFICIAL TITLE IS "ADDITIONAL SECRETARY"), R.K. DHAWAN, IS ONE OF THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES MOVERS IN THE RECENT EVENTS. WE NOW LEARN THAT DHAWAN IS A NEPHEW OF MRS. GANDHI'S FORMER PRIVATE SECRETARY, YASHPAL KAPOOR (THE KEY FIGURE IN THE ELECTION PETITION CASE), AND A FORMER CLERK-TYPIST IN THE MININFO AND BROADCASTING WHO WAS BROUGHT INTO THE PM'S SECRETARIAT IN 1971 TO TAKE KAPOOR'S PLACE WHEN THE LATTER RAN FOR PARLIAMENT.

10. WE SHOULD NOTE AT THIS POINT THAT THE EMBASSY HAS SEEN AND CONCURS IN THE REPORTS ON THE MILITARY SITUATION WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE DATT. MILITARY MATTERS WILL IN THE FUTURE NOT BE DEALT WITH IN THESE REPORTS BUT  
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WILL CONTINUE TO BE REPORTED BY DATT.  
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